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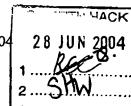
NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL OF PRIORITY CLAIM

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| FP17123 | IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION |
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| Applicant BHP BILLITON INNOVATION PTY LTD | |
| 1. The applicant is hereby notified that the priority claim made in the international application has been withdrawn in accordance with a notice of withdrawal received from the applicant on: 15 June 2004 (15.06.2004) The attention of the applicant is drawn to the fact that the withdrawal of the priority claim will result in the re-calculation of time limits which have not already expired (see Rule 90bis.3(d)). 2. In the case where multiple priorities have been claimed, the above action relates to the following priority claim(s): AU 21 December 2001 (21.12.2001) PR 9721 AU 18 December 2001 (18.12.2001) PR 9588 | |
| 3. A copy of this notification has been sent to the receiving Office and to: the International Searching Authority (where the International search report has not yet been issued) the designated Offices (which have already been notified of the receipt of the record copy) the International Preliminary Examining Authority | |
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